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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3641
 JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.) Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
 Serial No.: 09/998,814)
 Filed: October 21, 2001)
 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
 LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN)
 POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	Claims Remaining After Amendment (2)	(3)	Highest No. Previously Paid For (4)	Present Extra (5)	Rate (6)	Additional Fee (7)
Total Claims	21	Minus	21	x	\$18.00 =	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	8	Minus	8	x	\$86.00 =	\$ -0-
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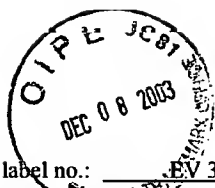
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, reconsideration of the present application is requested in light of the following. Entry of the present Amendment is believed appropriate as it: (i) cancels claims; and/or (ii) adopts certain of the Examiner's suggestions, thereby rendering all of the pending claims in a condition for allowance.